

What is claimed is:

1. A method of advancing a natural casing along the length  
of a hollow meat stuffing tube, comprising,  
5 placing a hollow natural casing on the outside surface of a  
hollow stuffing tube having a meat emulsion discharge  
end,  
placing a textured continuous belt adjacent and parallel to  
the stuffing tube in engagement with the casing on the  
10 stuffing tube, and compressively forcing the casing  
into engagement with an outside surface of the stuffing  
tube, and  
rotating the textured continuous belt to slide the casing  
towards the discharge end of the stuffing tube.  
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2. A machine for stuffing natural casings with emulsion,  
comprising,  
a hollow meat stuffing tube on the machine having a first  
end and a discharge end for extruding emulsion into a  
20 natural casing on an outer surface of the stuffing  
tube, and  
a textured belt assembly mounted adjacent and parallel to  
the stuffing tube near the discharge end and having a  
continuous belt with a plurality of grooves that loops  
25 around a pair of rollers, wherein the textured belt  
assembly longitudinally moves the casing about the  
stuffing tube and towards the discharge end.
3. The machine of claim 2 wherein the rollers are mounted  
30 on fixed axles.

4. The machine of claim 2 wherein only one of the rollers is mounted on a fixed axle such that the textured belt assembly is free to pivot about the fixed axle.